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ADVERB PHRASE
ADVERBIAL PHRASE



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Verb
Adverb
Adverb Phrase

I'll do it soon in a minute.

AP of Time: in a minute replaces the Adverb: soon

1. Rosy has gone abroad.
2. Rosy has gone to a foreign country.
3. Rosy has gone where she always wanted to go.

Sentence 1Adverb

Sentence 2Adverb Phrase

Sentence 3Adverb Clause

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Worksheet 10

The beginning of a sentence is given. Give three different adverbial phrases (where, when, and how) to finish the sentence. Label the type of phrase you write.

1. Kelly walked _____

2. The bird flew _____

3. The news anchor laughed _____

4. The camera flashed _____

5. The giraffe jumped _____

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The phrase and the clause

Presentation

Mother: *What did you buy with the money I gave you?*

Daughter: *I bought a nice moneybag.*



A **phrase** is a group of words meaning something. In the conversation above, a **nice moneybag** is a phrase naming something.

One distinctive feature of a phrase is that it may contain a verb and it is never a finite verb.

Cycling uphill is a difficult task.
It's good to play games.

In both the sentences above, the words in bold are phrases because **cycling** and **to play** are non-finite verbs.

But, **is cycling** or **plays games** can't be termed phrases as they contain finite verbs.

Focus

According to the work it does in a sentence, a phrase may be called a **noun phrase**, an **adjective phrase** or an **adverb phrase**.

A **noun phrase** is one that acts as the subject or object of a verb in a sentence.

Noun phrases are usually made with infinitives and participles if a verb is involved.

She loves to play games.
Drinking alcohol is bad.

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Sometimes the adverb or adverbial phrase can be put at the beginning of a sentence. Here are some examples, but they have not been finished. Complete the sentences below.

1. Luckily, _____
2. If I have the time, _____
3. Suddenly, _____
4. While I was waiting for a train, _____
5. Every time he told a joke, _____
6. Since it is your birthday, _____

Change these sentences, putting the adverb at the start of the sentence. I have done one for you.
It is vital to put a comma in when you do this.

7. I heard the news last evening. *Last evening, I heard the news.*
8. The waitress eventually served the meal. _____
9. A black dog sat next to the old man. _____
10. Sam went to sleep after dinner. _____
11. The books lay heaped in a pile. _____
12. I went to see a great film last week. _____

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